

**Amendments to the Claims:****Listing of Claims:**

1. (previously amended) A cutting device comprising:

a cutting wheel;

a handle having a finger stop structure, a generally planar top surface extending along a length of the handle and adapted to engage a longitudinally extended index finger of a user, and a pair of side surfaces, each extending between the top surface and a bottom surface, wherein said side surfaces are wider than said top surface; and

a neck portion coupled to the cutting wheel and arcuately extending from a first end of the handle, wherein the neck portion has a length greater than or equal to a diameter of the cutting wheel, wherein the finger stop structure is an elongated resilient pad extending along a top surface of the handle, with a width of the pad being substantially narrower than a width of a handle portion proximate to the pad, said pad being a rubber material being substantially more resilient than said handle portion, and wherein a length of the pad extends upwardly away from a base of the handle portion along a ridge portion terminating at the neck portion, said ridge defining an enlarged portion of the handle proximate to the handle portion.

2. (original)The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the finger stop structure is made of rubber.

3. (canceled)

4. (original) The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the ratio of the handle to a diameter of the cutting wheel is approximately 3 to 1.

5. (canceled)

6. (original)The cutting device of claim 1 wherein a length of the handle is between 4.5 to 7 inches.

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7. (original) The cutting device of claim 6 wherein the length is between approximately 5 to 6.5 inches.

8. (original) The cutting device of claim 6 wherein the length is approximately 6 inches.

9. (original) The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the cutting wheel is approximately 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

10. (original) The cutting device of claim 1 wherein the handle is formed of one of the group consisting of plastic, wood, and metal.

11. Please delete

12. (currently amended) A cutting device comprising:

a cutting wheel;

a handle made of a first material and having a top surface adapted to engage a longitudinally extended index finger of a user, said handle having a pair of generally planar side surfaces and a generally planar bottom surface opposite said top surface, said side surfaces being wider than said top surface so that a cross-section of said handle is generally rectangular;

a finger stop structure connected to the top surface along a first end and positioned to confront the tip of the index finger, the finger stop structure made of a slip-resistant second material; and

a neck portion extending arcuately from the first end of the handle, wherein the length of the neck portion is greater than twice the diameter of the cutting wheel, with a width of the finger stop structure being substantially narrower than a width of a handle portion proximate to the stop structure, and wherein a length of the pad extends upwardly away from a base of the handle portion along a ridge portion terminating at the neck portion, said ridge defining an enlarged portion of the handle proximate to the handle portion

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13. (original) The cutting device of claim 12 wherein the finger stop structure includes an elongated pad made of a slip-resistant material.
14. (original) The cutter of claim 12 wherein the cutting wheel is approximately 2 to 3 inches in diameter.
15. (original) The cutting device of claim 12 wherein the ratio of the combined length of the neck and the handle to the diameter of the cutting wheel is approximately 3 to 1.
16. (original) The cutting device of claim 15 wherein the diameter of the cutting wheel is approximately 2 to 3 inches.

17. (currently amended) A method of eating a flat food item comprising the steps of:

providing a cutting device having a cutting wheel and a handle, the handle having a length of between 4.5 and 7 inches and a finger stop pad, the handle also having a first end and a top surface adapted to engage an index finger, said handle further including a pair of generally planar side surfaces extending between said top surface and a bottom surface, said side surfaces being wider than said top surface and being generally perpendicular to said top surface, and with a width of the pad being substantially narrower than a width of a handle portion proximate to the pad, said pad being a rubber material being substantially more resilient than said handle portion, and wherein a length of the pad extends upwardly away from a base of the handle portion along a ridge portion terminating at the neck portion, said ridge defining an enlarged portion of the handle proximate to the handle portion;

placing an index finger longitudinally along on the top surface with the tip of the index finger engaging the finger stop;

placing a thumb finger tip against one of the pair of side surfaces;

grasping the first end with a thumb and fingers;

rolling the cutting wheel across the flat food item to cut the food item.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the steps of grasping includes engaging on first side surface with the thumb and a second side surface with the middle finger.

19. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of rolling includes maintaining the handle at an angle with respect to the flat food item.

20. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the step of rolling includes pushing downwardly on the finger stop with the tip of the index finger.